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man and one civic-minded organization can make a big difference in the lives of the citizens of their community.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND FATHER
RAPHAEL (ALBERT) ZBIN, O.S.B.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Father Raphael (Albert) Zbin, O.S.B., a man whose strong personality challenged others to work hard to build a spiritually, socially and physically sound community.

A native of Lakewood, Ohio, Father Raphael served much of his eighty years as both a religious and educational leader. While attending St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas, he entered the Benedictine Order and professed his vows as a monk in 1942. The following year he returned to Kansas and received his bachelor's degree in science.

Father Raphael then returned to Cleveland to begin studies for the priesthood at the former St. Joseph's Seminary of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers while also teaching part-time at Benedictine High School. During his thirty years of teaching, Father Raphael became a prominent figure in the Cleveland Diocesan School system. His reputation as a strict disciplinarian motivated his students to study diligently and win numerous contests. Twenty-eight of the fifty-three highest honors projects recognized in the 1957 Diocesan Science Fair came from Benedictine due to Father Raphael's exceptional ability to challenge his students to produce quality work.

After receiving his master of science degree in biology from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, Father Raphael was elected chairman for the American Benedictine Academy's Science Division. In 1966, he was named Outstanding Science Teacher of Northeastern Ohio by the Ohio Academy of Science.

In 1976, Father Raphael became the pastor of St. Andrew Svorad Parish in downtown Cleveland. For the past quarter century, his tireless energetic spirit brought about a number of renovations to the parish's physical plant and increased parish unity through his organization of many socials and dinners.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring the memory of Reverend Father Raphael (Albert) Zbin, a monk of Saint Andrew Abbey, who always saw work to be done. Let us aspire in our own efforts to be such examples of hard work and dedication to improvement.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER
RIGHTS CONFORMING AMEND-
MENTS OF 2001

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Women's Health and Cancer

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Rights Conforming Amendments of 2001. This bill is a technical correction to legislation adopted by the 105th Congress that ensures reconstructive surgery coverage for all stages of reconstruction, including symmetrical reconstruction, for breast cancer patients.

During the 105th Congress, I introduced the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. A specific provision of this bill that requires coverage for reconstructive procedures after breast cancer surgery was passed into law in Title IX of the 1998 Omnibus Budget Bill. While passage of that legislation was a wonderful step forward, a loophole has been identified which seriously weakens the intent of this legislation. The bill I am introducing again today, would correct this flaw by conforming the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the requirements consistent with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act. This change would provide a civil monetary penalty against those health plans who fail to provide coverage for breast reconstruction following mastectomy or other breast cancer surgery.

There is indeed precedence for such a technical correction. Similar corrections were made to the Internal Revenue Code as part of the Taxpayer's Relief Act of 1997 to ensure compliance to the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 and the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996. The correction I am seeking today is like these and would ensure compliance to the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998.

Studies have documented that the fear of losing a breast is a leading reason why women do not participate in early breast cancer detection programs. Now that coverage is guaranteed for reconstructive surgery following breast cancer surgery, it is time to put the teeth in that language and hold health plans accountable for providing that coverage. As we begin to set the agenda for the 107th Congress, let us make this important correction to ensure the best possible support for breast cancer victims.

COMMENDING THE UKRAINIAN
LEADERSHIP ON ITS EXPRES-
SION OF UNITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Ukraine's leadership—President Leonid Kuchma, Chairman of the Rada Ivan Plyshch, and Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko—for their unified address to the Ukrainian nation on February 13th.

Mr. Speaker, recently the country of Ukraine has been faced with a degree of turmoil as a result of the kidnapping and murder of a journalist, Georgy Gongadze. As Ukraine's leadership acknowledged in their statement, the investigation into this incident was initially marred by delays and inconsistencies. However, the President, Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Rada have pledged that all measures will now be taken to get to the bottom of this case as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, this united affirmation by the three highest officials in Ukraine will help quell

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some of the recent unrest, propel the investigation of Gongadze's death, and speed Ukraine's return to normalcy.

TRIBUTE TO FAY COHEN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, a very special person, Fay Cohen, is being honored by her friends and colleagues on the occasion of her retirement as aide to Massachusetts State Senator Cynthia Creem.

Fay Cohen is special in many ways. She is a woman who has successfully balanced her professional life with years of volunteering for the causes she believed in. She is, indeed, a person with a special commitment to the democratic ideals we all espouse.

Fay Cohen served her community as an elected official on the Newton, Massachusetts Board of Aldermen. She was a tireless campaigner for the Massachusetts Democratic Party, and for political candidates who went on to serve both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Congress. Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, Senator JOHN KERRY, former Congressman Robert Drinan, Governor Michael Dukakis, State Senator Lois Pines and I have all been the recipients of Fay Cohen's wisdom, dedication and hard work.

Fay Cohen may be retiring from her professional career, but I know that I and others who have relied on Fay's political astuteness will never let her retire from being one of our cherished activists.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND
SOUTHEAST LIONS CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club for 50 years of public service.

For the last fifty years, the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club has been committed to serving the greater Cleveland area. This service organization works earnestly to provide numerous philanthropic donations to charities all over the world.

In attempt to extend a helping hand, the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club annually hosts an East West All Star Football game in order to raise money for worthy programs such as the Saint Vincent Charity Hospital Lions Eye Clinic, Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation, Blind Welfare, and other deserving organizations. The Cleveland Southeast Lions Club strives to reach out to the less fortunate by donating thousands of pounds of clothing and food to Saint Augustine's distribution to the needy. The members of the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club work daily to assist

senior citizens by driving them to doctors appointments, the grocery store, or to the pharmacy. Not only are they involved in local services, the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club collects used eye glasses to be redistributed in the third world countries.

The Cleveland Southeast Lions Club cultivates to the spirit of service upon which they were found, taking a specific interest in children. This organization encourages a greater happiness for children with disabilities. By raising money with various fundraisers that promote community involvement, the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club helps send children to Camp Echoing Hills, a camp for individuals with disabilities.

It is evident that the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club has, over the years, played a crucial role in the community, and that its many years of service have been an invaluable contribution to the Cleveland community. For this work, the Northeast Ohio community is thankful.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Cleveland Southeast Lions Club for their 50 years of public service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREENBACK HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the National Cheerleading Championship was held here in the Nation's Capital. I am pleased that the National Championship Award in the small school varsity division went to the Greenback High School Cheerleaders, from Greenback, Tennessee.

Team members, Traci Russell, Amanda McKeenhan, Rebekah Raines, Kristi Evans, Sylvia Martin, Staci Kizer, Lynette Krohnfeldt, Melissa Spring, Chelsey Edmondson and Kallee Brooks are to be congratulated on winning the award for their outstanding performance.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I join all Americans in wishing these young ladies best wishes on a job well done.

I have included a copy of a story written in the Maryville Daily Times describing their winning the National Title that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

CHEERLEADERS ON CLOUD NINE AFTER WINNING NATIONAL TITLE

(By Stefan Cooper)

They sat cross legged on the floor, cool, calm and collected as they waited for the word.

Finally, the public address announcer in the ballroom of the Washington Hilton stepped to the microphone.

"And the national champion in the small school varsity division is . . . Greenback High School, Greenback, Tennessee."

"They just went straight up in the air," Pam Tipton, one of two sponsors for the Greenback High School cheerleaders, said.

Since claiming the All-American Cheer and Dance national championship Saturday

in the nation's capitol, Traci Russell, Amanda McKeenhan, Rebekah Raines, Kristi Evans, Sylvia Martin, Staci Kizer, Lynette Krohnfeldt, Melissa Spring, Chelsey Edmondson and Kallee Brooks have yet to come down.

A large turnout—complete with WKXT Channel 8 in tow—met the team's plane at McGhee Tyson Airport late Saturday.

WATE Channel 6 showed up at the school Monday morning. Two area newspapers scheduled back-to-back interviews with the new champs Tuesday after school.

"The girls haven't had time to shave their legs, and I haven't had time to get my laundry done," Tipton said. "The reaction from the community, the TV stations coming, it's been mind-blowing."

Not to worry.

The team has come up with a catch phrase to deal with their newfound celebrity, Raines said: "Act casual."

The national title comes on the heels of a win in dance at a Universal Cheerleaders Association camp at the University of Tennessee last summer.

Prior to both, Tipton said, the team looked out of sync.

"The week before we went to camp, I said, 'This not going to come together,'" she said. "Put them in front of a crowd and it was, 'Whoa!'"

"Where did these girls come from?"

Regardless of the endeavor, it takes a lot of work to make a champion.

"A lot of people don't think cheerleaders are athletes," said Penny McKee, who co-sponsors the team along with Tipton. "Well, they are athletes. They trained for this."

The team practiced its students for competition 2½ hours a day when not cheering at Greenback sporting events.

Maryville College junior Nicole Johnson, an employee at Maryville's Gymnastics Counts, choreographed the squad's dance routine.

Johnson's friend Adriel McCord supplied the dance mix.

"The shake-your-booty part was their favorite," Johnson said. They stuck every stunt (in Washington). Their tumbling was good.

"They surpassed every expectation."

FEARLESS ONCE ON STAGE

It wasn't as easy as it seemed, Martin said. Prior to taking the stage each day of the two-day competition, everyone was a nervous wreck.

"Once the music starts," she said, "you just think about the routine." There, McKee said, the squad was flawless.

"They hit everything," she said. "It was perfect. That's the best I've ever seen them."

Much of the reason for the impact the championship has generated is due to the size of Greenback.

The school has an enrollment of 600 students, kindergarten through 12th grade. Only 220 of those students are freshmen or above.

At the championships, where the largest squad had 28 members, the size of the Greenback contingent was quick to catch the eye.

"Everywhere the other squads went, they took three or four elevators," McKee said. "We could all cram into one."

CHEMISTRY SPELLS SUCCESS

Key to the squad's success is its chemistry. Tipton said.

"Most of them have cheered from grade school up," she said. "They're really good friends, and they just click."

And when Russell, McKeenhan, Raines & Co. took the stage in front of a panel of six

judges for the finals Saturday, it carried them through.

"They weren't nervous," Tipton said. "I was scared to death."

"We thought they had a chance to do it, but to actually have it happen is amazing."

"It's like something you see on TV, but you never think you'll be a part of it."

Topping it all off, once the trophy was claimed, Brooks, Raines and Edmondson were named to the championships' All-Star team and will represent AACD at the 2002 NFL Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

TOUR OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

It wasn't all work and no play during their five-day stay in Washington, Russell said.

U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan Jr. gave the team a tour of the Capitol building. U.S. Sen. Bill Frist arranged a visit to the White House.

"We did basket tosses over the gate," Martin joked.

The most memorable part of their visit, though?

"The subway," Russell said. "Definitely."

Kidding aside, they have a lot of people to thank, all 10 members said.

Without Johnson's choreography, it never would have happened, they said.

"We love you, Rudy," Russell said.

McKee, Tipton, classmates, and the town of Greenback, all said, have been tremendous.

"We're honored," Raines said. "We just wanted to make Greenback proud."

PROCLAMATION FOR RAY AND CATHY JANSEN—

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation for the RECORD.

Whereas, on March 31, 2001, Family Service League is celebrating 75 years of providing comprehensive human services to the Long Island Community with a Gala Celebration entitled: "Restoring Hope . . . Rebuilding Lives," and

Whereas, on that evening, Family Service League will be honoring Catherine and Raymond Jansen for their many years in service to the Long Island Community, and

Whereas, Catherine and Raymond Jansen, both as individuals and as a team, have epitomized and set the standard for dedicated service to the Long Island community with their strong commitment to philanthropy and dedication to family, and

Whereas, Catherine Jansen, in addition to serving as a member of Family Service League's Board of Directors, is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hecksher Museum and serves on the Boards of Caumsett Park Foundation, Project R.E.A.L., United Way's Success by Six and the Three Harbors Garden Club, and

Whereas, Raymond Jansen, in addition to his recent appointment as Senior Vice President of the Tribune Publishing Company, and as president, publisher and CEO of Newsday, is known for his community service on many boards and philanthropies and for his leadership in bringing recognition to Long Island's everyday volunteers through Newsday's Winners Column, Every Day Heroes, and the Long Islander of the Century and FutureCorps. Therefore, be it